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AN ADDRESS
TO THE
LAYMAN;

BY A
Reader of the Kentucky Gazette.

SIR

PERUSING the Gazette of the 14th of March, I discover your address to the Printer, persuading him with the rest of the world, to believe that the practice of holding slaves is consonant to the scriptures of divine truth — you represent yourself as just alarmed, and flying to the bible, to screen you from the censures of the emancipator. And indeed one might have supposed this to be the case from the deductions you have drawn from that sacred book: for they much resemble the productions of a first thought, and the result of interested & partial investigation. Moreover your flow of arguments are such, that had you taken much pains on the subject, or have been much conversant with, the friends of emancipation, you certainly might have heard them sufficiently refuted.

Your first proposition is, "that the scriptures fully assert that the Jewish nation had a command given them by the God of Heaven himself to buy and hold bond-servants of the Heathen nations, which should be an inheritance for them and their children forever." Had you said a toleration, instead of a command, you would have come nearer the truth. For, according to your reasoning, if it was a command, every Jew, and every man now living, is not in his duty, who does not possess a slave; for you insist that the command is perpetually binding.

As the foundation of this your first proposition, you quote Noah's prophecy, respecting Canaan. If this justifies the slave holder, to would the prophecies respecting Judas and the crucifiers of our Lord, have justified them in acting as they did — to will the prophecies of Ishiah, expressly foretelling the ill treatment of Jesus, and his gospel, justify every gospel slighter from the beginning of the christian era until this day. In the next place, you quote the Mosaic code in Lev. xxxv, which, as you say, commanded the Jews to buy and hold slaves. So did the Jewish law allow them to sell that which died of itself to the Heathen. Then by your own reasoning, we may export and sell to the Heathen all the creatures which die of themselves. You justify slave holding, by drawing this conclusion that "God is unchangeable, therefore it was right with him once, it remains to this day." You may continue your argument, and say, if it was right with him to sell dead carcasses once, it remains to this day. Was not the Jews commanded in Deut. vii—2, to smite the Heathen and utterly to destroy them, to make no covenant with them, and to shew no mercy unto them? — this with many other such passages, which I could mention, will, upon your ground, condemn us for not destroying and cutting off the savages on the North of the Ohio, as well as for shewing mercy to, and treating with them, as we have done. It will also utterly subvert the law of nations, and allow chivalry to ranck, and spread desolation through all the regions of Paganism, for if it was right with God once, so to do, it therefore remains to this day. Do you not know that God, by immediate delegation, sent the Jews to inflict his righteous judgments upon those Heathens for their wickedness? Therefore they were allowed to deal with them in a manner which without an express command, would have been directly contrary to the law of nature, and repugnant to the first principles of common equity and justice among mankind. Consequently, such commands were only peculiar to the Jews, and were forcible no longer than the same Heathens existed around them. You seem willing to give yourself a place in the bounds of this peculiar privilege together with the rest of the sentimental slave holders, by saying that you cannot tell of what nation or tribe you descended, whether few or Gentile, so you advise the tyrants not to

let go a certainty for an uncertainty. Then upon your own plan, as you seem so ignorant of your pedigree, if your neighbour should seize and subject you to perpetual servitude, you could not condemn him for so doing, for he might tell you that you could not prove that he was no Jew, nor could you prove but that you were of the seed of Ham.

In the second place, you proceed to prove that Jesus Christ did not condemn slave-holders as tyrants, or inform servants that they were wrongfully kept in bondage. Here I would ask you, did the meek and lowly Jesus ever attempt to be a rectifier of political errors? If you will follow him through all this wilderness and valley of tears, I am persuaded that you will not find one sentence in all his instructive discourses that gives the least indulgence to such an accursed practice as slave-holding is in its present existence. If he did not expressly forbid it, did he not give a number of instructions and reproofs, which were a sufficient reprehension to tyranny in the day in which he lived, and remains fully applicable in the present day? If he had only told them, that they neglected the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith, whilst they paid a Pharisaical attention to the external part thereof — if he had only told them to do to others as they would they should do unto them — if he had only told them to love their neighbours as themselves, it were sufficient to condemn every slave-holder. But is his life not full of such precepts, as well as that of his apostles? And has not the apostle Paul informed you that the division wall between Jew and Gentile, Christian and Heathen, Barbarian, Scythian, bond and free, is now broken down? And did not Jesus when finishing the volume of Revelation to John in the Isle of Patmos — when denouncing his vengeance on the whole of Babylon, enumerate the slave trade with the rest of her accursed neighbor? How then do you find slavery tolerated by our Lord and his apostles? How many more abominable vices prevailed in the days of our Lord, which he did not expressly inveigh against? Then you may as justly plead that they were not contrary to the laws of Heaven.

The first place you have recourse to, to prove your second proposition is the 7th chapter of Luke, just because our Lord brings in the master and servant as a simile to condemn the idea of merit. You may as well argue that the practices of running, wrestling and fighting, so constantly practised in the Olympic games were justifiable, because the apostles so often introduced them to illustrate the christian race by way of similitude. You next produce Luke, xvii—10, to justify slave holding, because our Lord applauded a man's faith who possessed a servant. Can you suppose that our Lord meant to justify every part of that man's practice, because, to the shame of the Jews, he declared that a Roman possessed more faith, than he had found in Israel? Abraham's faith is twice in holy writ declared to be committed to him for righteousness — David is declared to be a man after God's own heart; yet the latter was a murderer, and both of them, worse mongers. You will also find our Lord declaring to the woman taken in adultery in John viii—11, neither do I condemn thee. Then upon your ground God is not changeable, if adultery was not condemned by him once, it is not damnable still. He applauded the man's faith, who held a servant, therefore slavery must be right. He did not condemn the adulterers, therefore adultery cannot be wrong.

You next proceed to prove that our Lord's Apostles did not tell servants they were wrongly held in servitude nor condemn the owners as tyrants; but enjoined obedience upon the servants. Christianity would have appeared in the world, had the apostles have raised disturbances between master and servant, king and people, amalgamized with the same infamy, which brands Mahometanism, that of being propagated by the sword — it would have lost its excellent and distinguishing

characteristic or being propagated by the internal and invincible power of its author. Then it is easy to account for the silence of the apostles on the subject of slavery. And why need we look for the condemnation of slaveholding in Revelation, when natural reason's unassisted light hath, in many ages, declared it repugnant to the law of nature, which I could make appear by a number of quotations were it necessary. But I hope I have shewed you that our Lord and his apostles did condemn slavery in substance if not expressly — they taught a number of precepts which struck at the root, and if closely followed would undoubtedly terminate in the final abolition of slavery. You need not therefore think to prove slaveholding right, because the apostles charged servants to be obedient, for they also charged it upon the primitive christians, to submit to every ordinance of man, to be submissive to the most arbitrary and tyrannical government. Then by the same parity of reason you may prove that every ordinance of man is right, and that the laws to which the primitive christians were subject, were justifiable in every respect; when according to what history has left us of them, they were despotic and cruel. You draw your conclusion that slaveholding is not wrong because God has no where countermanded what he directed in the Mosaic constitution. Neither has he countermanded the ceremonial sacrifices and oblations, which were constantly practised in the days of our Lord. Examining then, whether you be in your duty, who neglect to many of the express and sacred commands of Heaven respecting the typical ceremonies.

You conclude your address by appealing to the experiences of christians, whether ever they were convinced of the sin of slaveholding, before they were assured of pardon for all their transgressions? you proceed to answer for them, that they never were.

As positive forever as you may be you are certainly mistaken with respect to some few individuals. But even if there could not be found one, who, in his first convictions, felt a darts of foul on the account of holding his fellow creatures in unjust bondage; I would ask you, whether the sinner is always convinced of all his sins at once? Or does he not discover daily more and more of his sinful heart and life, even after he lives a life of faith and dependence upon the merits of Jesus? does he not daily discover some Asian in the camp which hinders more close communication with his God. You certainly will be ready to answer in the affirmative. Then considering that the nature of man is prone to extenuate his crimes, may we not reasonably suppose that the sin of slaveholding would almost be a among some of the last, of his finish which would shame him in the face, and for which he would feel the lathes of conscience, when self-interested and the advantage of slavery always stands ready to blind him, and hinder him from canvassing the matter by an impartial investigation? add to this, that slaveholding is a matter which has long been foreign to the cogitations of the public mind, but has, for sometime met with remonstrances only from a few conscientious citizens: whose philanthropic exertions, I hope by the blessing of divine providence, joined with the present convulsions and revolutions in the world, for the sake of liberty, will not fail to bring freedom late to the conclusion of travail, in her original appearance, without having any of her heavenly features mangled by the iron hands of tyranny, her inveterate enemy. Then may not new dispensations of Providence, bring new national sins to view, which has long lay concealed in the womb of self interest and avarice.

But I will not detain you any longer with remarks so repugnant to your present existing principles. I shall conclude with advising you, if my address should meet with a place in the Kentucky Gazette, to give the matter a farther investigation candidly scrutinize and examine it at the bar both of scripture and reason. If you still determine to defend the cause you have taken up, I entreat you no more

to attempt it on scripture ground lest you should expose that sacred book to the ridicule of infidelity. On reason's ground I am convinced you can never stand. Therefore your best resource is, to plead the expediency and advantage of slavery. And on this score reason, blinded by self love, will not fail to suggest to you a numerous store of arguments from her inexhaustible treasure.

A LOVER OF LIBERTY.

TO THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF FAYETTE.

FELLOW CITIZENS,

NO stronger proof is necessary of the intention of the advocates for the Bryan's flaton resolutions, to prevent every amendment to the constitution which was contemplated by those who voted for calling a convention, than that of forming their ticket of men, who by their opposition to calling a convention, have given unequivocal proofs, that in their opinion no amendment whatever was necessary. But the second resolution, (to which each member of the ticket was obliged to pledge himself to conform before he could be nominated) goes farther and expressly prohibits every such amendment: — It is true the second article of the resolutions, does seem to admit an amendment respecting the senate; but if you will consider that it is to be such an one only "as the wisdom of the convention shall deem consistent with the proper design of that institution," you cannot fail to discover the intended deception; the studied ambiguity of this article certainly does honor to the ingenuity of the gentleman who penned it, and which is equalled only by his success in alarming you with regard to a certain species of property, to such a degree, as by that alarm to make you entirely regardless of your own personal rights.

That it is also the intention of the advocates for the Bryan's flaton resolutions, to deprive all those of suffrage who does not either possess property to some certain amount, or a particular species of property, is evident from the declarations made by several members of the committee who were chosen to form their ticket; and as those declarations were made by a part of the committee only, it may not be considered as conclusive evidence of the fact; but when you are informed that it has been long known to be the sentiments not only of a majority of the members composing the Bryan's flaton ticket, but of those also of the other counties who have adopted the Bryan's flaton resolutions, and formed tickets upon his principles, you can have no doubt.

The Bryan's flaton meeting were too sensible of the importance of keeping that part of their principles as much as possible out of view; and have studiously avoided every expression leading to the subject. If they had believed the expression "liberties," (which is the only one used, that they can attempt to construe into the meaning of personal rights and privileges,) was sufficient to secure the right of suffrage on the present plan; would they not also have believed that the expression used in the 12th section of the 12th article of the present constitution viz. "Nor shall any man's property be taken, or applied to public use, without the consent of his representatives, and without just compensation being previously made," would have been equally sufficient to have secured them their slaves? they certainly would. As these charges have been frequently made and for a considerable length of time in the public papers, and not a solitary attempt by those against whom they were made, to refute them; of their truth there cannot be the shadow of doubt remaining.

AN INDEPENDENT ELECTOR.

FOR SALE,
A QUANTITY OF
CLEAN HEMP-SEED,

OF THE LAST YEAR'S GROWTH,
For ONE DOLLAR per BUSHEL—by

T. HART

Lexington, April 30, 1799.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, March 26.

Capt. Hudson, arrived at New-York from the Havanna, informs that a French privateer of 12 guns, had been captured off the Havanna, by the New-York cutter, John Jay, commanded by capt. Leonard, and the Philadelphia cutter, gen. Greene, commanded by capt. Price, and carried into the Havanna.

On the 3d of February, The French schooner privateer Le Amour de la Patrie, was captured by the United States Frigate, commanded by capt. Barry, a few minutes after which the filled and sunk; the crew was saved.

General Mack, notified the French generals, Chapiotet and MacDonald, to withdraw from Rome, and the Roman state; the king of Naples and general Mack entered Rome, and remained for some days in full possession of it, exercising all jurisdiction therein; but Chapiotet advised the directory, that he defeated the Neapolitans, the 15th December, entered Rome the 16th, and made 12,000 prisoners, (says nothing of killed and wounded,) took 99 pieces of cannon, 3000 horses and mules, and 15 standards and colours; that the king and Mack were the first who fled for Naples, which he intended to enter along with them, and it is reported he did, the 2d, of January; but that the king and royal family had got off in an English man of war, to Palermo in Sicily, but this wants confirmation.

CHAMBERSEURG, March 27.

STANDING ARMY.

Extract from governor Jackson's message to the legislature of Georgia. The papers marked No. 14, exhibit to you a charge against an officer of the United States galley, for landing his men to take a citizen under the sedition act of the United States, as that officer is said to have declared by order of the secretary of the navy department. Although I cannot believe the secretary ever issued such an order, and forbear to comment on the propriety of the law I cannot help observing that an attempt of this nature by a military or naval officer, in a place where the law is open, & the civil magistrate bound to take cognizance of offences against the union, is not only opposed to the constitution of the United States, but tends to foment jealousies ill suited to our present situation, when unanimity is so necessary; and whilst it impresses the idea of oppression, instead of that protection which I am certain the galley was intended for, operates to awake apprehensions of an act, supposed by many not to be constitutional, and declared by a late envoy to France, high in the esteem of the United States, to be impolitic and unnecessary.

The circumstance above alluded to by governor Jackson, was in substance as follows: On the 20th of November last, capt. Randolph, of the Savannah galley, then at St. Marys, dispatched an armed force on shore, under his lieutenant, with orders to arrest and bring on board, a Mr. David Garvin, and confine him in irons; and if any resistance should be made, to fire, run him thro', or bayonet him. The citizens on shore opposed the intended arrest, disarmed the banditti, and drove them on board the galley. Captain Randolph was next day taken with a state warrant, carried before three magistrates, and his authority for the part he had acted, demanded of him — to which he replied that he had private orders from the Secretary of the Navy — and also attempted to justify himself upon a plea that Mr. Garvin "belonged to a French faction, and had damned the president for an old fool." — *Farmer's Register.*

CAUTION to the public, not to buy of George Tangler any part of the estate of James Sterett deceased, as being the dower of his wife, late Margaret Sterett, widow of the said deceased — as I purchased of said Margaret, June last, and her right, long before said Tangler married her.

JOHN STERETT.

April 29, 1799.

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TAKEN up the subscriber in Montgomery county, on State, near the Forge, a bay filley, judged to be 3 years old this spring, has a large round star in his forehead and small nipp on his nose, no brand perceptible, and broke for me appraised to 91.

ROB. EWING.

March 15, 1799.

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NOTICE.

A PPLICATION will be made to the county of Jellamine, at their August term, for an order to establish a town on the lands of the subscribers, on Hickman road, (being the place fixed on by the court for their permanent seat of Justice,) agreeable to an act of assembly, entitled "An act concerning the establishing of towns."

THOMAS CALDWELL,
CHESLEY GATES.

April 23, 1799.



From New- York.

JOHN HENRICKS

SAMUEL & GEORGE TROTTER

HAVE just received, and are now opening at their store on Main street, Lexington, a large and general assortment of

MERCHANDISE,

which they offer sale on the lowest terms for

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Lexington, 2d April, 1799.

THIS is to forewarn all persons from crediting my wife Casey Henricks as I will not be answerable for her contracts.

Henry Henricks

April 15th, 1799.

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To Let,

A small convenient

DWELLING-HOUSE,

WITH other necessary houses, and garden, in an airy, healthy part of the town.

For terms apply to the printer hereof.

Lexington, March 18th, 1799.



AT their Boot and Shoe Manu-

FACTORY, on Water street, oppo-

sitive Mr. Brents tavern, and next

door to Mrs. Thomas', Lexington,

take this method of informing the

public, that they carry on the above

business in an extensive manner, and

at the most moderate terms. They

have on hand a quantity of Calf skins

and Boot legs, brought from the At-

lanic states, gentlemen and ladies

who may please to favor them with

their euton shall be served on the

shortest notice.

tf February 14th, 1799.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are cautioned not to

draw an assignment on an order

drawn some time in July, or August,

or September, 1797, by Peter Crouse

of Lexington, for the sum of 651 25 d.

accepted by the subscriber, as the said

Crouse gave him notice not to pay it

but for the sum of 414 45 d. which has

been paid by the subscriber in the

course of the year 1797, to the bearer

of the said order, as per receipt of se-

veral sums of the amount of 1051 83 7d.

P. D. ROBERT

January 23d, 1799.

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TO BE SOLD FOR CASH,

At the market-house in the town of Frankfort,

on the 15th day of May next,

The following Lands:

FIVE hundred acres, being the half of 1000

acres entered the 10th day of October 1783,

in the name of John May, in the forks of Lick

including the confluence of Hington's and

the main fork.

250 do. the half of 300 acres, entered June 14

1783, in the Rolling fork, including the mouth

of the half one hundred acres, entered

July 12, 1784, on Long Lick creek.

200 do. the half of 400 acres, entered April

1783, on Salt river, joining Tiller's creek,

5 do. the half of 10 acres, entered February 3,

1783, on Otter creek, a mill seat.

50 do. the half of 100 acres, entered April 1,

1787, adjoining the above.

37 1/2 do. the half of 2 entries of 75 acres,

made Sept. 14, 1783, on Otter creek, a mill

seat.

108 1/4 do. part of an entry of 433 1/3 acres,

made March 1, 1781, adjoining Salt lick on

the south.

30 do. an entry of 200 acres, made

February 17, 1783, on both sides the Beech fork,

near Bairdton. The whole of the above in the

name of John May.

200 do. entered May 1, 1780, in the name of

George May, on Otter creek, adjoining and above John May's two entries on a

mill seat.

22 1/2 do. part of 60 acres, entered March

16, 1781, for George May, Salt rock.

15 do. part of 50 acres, entered March 16, 1781,

for George May. Salt lick.

2500 do. part of 10000 acres, entered March

1783, in the name of William May, adjoining his 5000 acre tract in the Dry valley.

125 do. part of 1000 acres, entered the 11th

of October, 1783, for William May, on the

Beech fork, Clover Lick creek.

9525 do. part of 19250 acres, granted to Geo.

Lewis, on Big Sandy. — The title of

Geo. May & Rich. Bibb

only, to the above lands, will be sold.

April 9, 1799.

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Just Published,

And for sale at this office, and at the

office of the GUARDIAN OF FREE-

DOM, Frankfort,

Price 1/6,

ALL the laws of a general nature

which passed at the last session of the

general assembly of this common-

wealth.

NOTICE.

ALL those indebted to the estate of Robert

Braffett, dec. formerly an inhabitant of

Bullitt county, are requested to come forward

and settle their accounts with the executors

also those having any demands against his estate,

to bring forward their accounts well authen-

ticated, and they will be settled by us,

SAMUEL DUNN, of Mercer county, or JAMES

DUNN, jun. of Jellamine county, Ex's. —

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By last evening's Mail.

LONDON, January 10.

The intelligence from Germany is of a pacific complexion. The emperor so far from indicating any hostile intention against France has sent a secret agent to Paris, to confer with the directory; and such is the confidence placed by the French in the pacific disposition of the empire, that they have withdrawn the greater part of their troops from the right bank of the Rhine.

Paflawan Oglou had obtained some further advantages over the troops of the Grand Seignior.

January 22.

The city of Dublin still continues to be a scene of political intrigue and of the most violent cabal. Meetings are every where advertized, and a new association has been formed in Dublin, called, "The Friends to the Independence of Ireland." To such an height is party spirit carried even among the yeomanry, that the captain of one of the yeomanry corps of Dublin (Sir W. Werthington, captain of the Liberty Rangers) has issued a notice "that on Monday (meaning the 21st inst.) the corps of _____ will parade with the king's colours, and instead of their regimental colours, a standard with this inscription, "For our king and the constitution of Ireland."—Other corps have been invited to follow the example.

January 28.

By the advices which were transmitted by lord Nelson to earl Vincent, and brought to England in the Revolution lugger, *leue Wettern*, the accounts of the victories of the French, which we formerly received thro' the Paris papers, are not only confirmed, but we are informed, that pursuing their success, the republican troops have compelled the king of Naples to fly from his capital, and abandon the largest and most valuable part of his dominions to the enemy.

Lord Nelson's dispatches are dated the 16th inst. We understand that the Neapolitan army, having experienced a continued succession of defeats, and that gen. Mack having deserted from being able to protect the capital, their Neapolitan Majesties, and about four hundred persons of the highest rank in the kingdom, were under the necessity of taking refuge on board the British fleet lying the bay of Naples.

The king and queen embarked on board the Vanguard, as the admiral was to proceed with them to Palermo, or Messina, in Sicily.

About 20,000 Neapolitan troops, it is said, laid down their arms to about 8000 French, who were advancing against the capital. It is understood the royal family have been able to carry with them the royal jewels, regalia, and many articles of value. There are however, in the arsenals of the kingdom, great quantities of naval and military stores, which it is thought cannot be prevented from falling into the hands of the enemy. It is possible too, that they may also obtain possession of some of the Neapolitan ships of war.

January 30.

The Dublin mail of yesterday bro't over the decision of the house of commons of Ireland on the question of an address of the lord lieutenant's, on which the house was left debating on Tuesday night. The paragraph objected to was that which expresses a readiness to consider the means of permanently connecting the two countries, and it gave rise to a debate which lasted till 7 o'clock the next morning, when on a division there were, for this paragraph—Ayes 107.—Noes 111.

Majority against government 5.

PARIS, Dec. 10.

The most recent news received in Europe of our Oriental army, has arrived by a Danish vessel from Rhodes, which entered Terracina (Italy) the 17th Nov. According to the accounts this vessel brings, an obstinate battle took place on the banks of the Nile, about the middle of October—Buonaparte commanded the centre, in person, with 8,500 of his best troops, his right was supported by a division of 9000 men, and his left by another of 7000; in a favorable position in his front, at a certain distance from his camp, he had formed a plan suited to the character of the enemy by the nature of the ground chosen, he contri-

ved to mask some batteries of artillery. The advanced posts of the French had orders after the Mamelukes should charge, to give way, and form retrogressively on the flanks of this spot.

The enemy deceived by seeing those troops in apparent flight, while prepared they had never before been able to withdraw, pursued them with furious exultation—their whole army advanced—and when they arrived within point blank shot, two battalions which marked the artillery, having opened from the centre, several heavy and successive discharges of grape were poured in upon the assailants, by which the whole of the chosen troops which formed the enemy's van, were destroyed. The French taking advantage of this disorder, attacked them with their accustomed impetuosity, and made a most terrible havoc, so much so that 5000 Arabs delivered their arms to save their lives.

The two principal chiefs of their army, one of whom is the Bahaw of Cairo, (hitherto the most inveterate enemy of the French) after several useles efforts to rally their troops, threw themselves into the French ranks and remained prisoners. The battle, in which Buonaparte gained a complete victory, took place two leagues from Cairo, on the Alexandria road. The provisions and booty which the French found in the markets attached to the enemy's camp, is sufficient to maintain the French army several months.

According to other advices from Egypt, previous to Buonaparte's leaving Cairo, he established a directory of five members, by which all the new laws were to be communicated to the several departments of Egypt, and for the better performance of the civil institutions and good government.

The accustomed feast of the birth day of Mahomed, was celebrated in that country. Buonaparte attired there, dressed in the Oriental style, with a splendid turban and surpaché, and a rich jumma, or long vestment, and cummerband or girdle. This so pleased the people, that they immediately proclaimed him their chief, by the style of Ali Buonaparte.

A French Gazette is printed at Cairo, entitled the *Gazette of Egypt*.

January 26.

The Dey of Algiers, we are assured, has declared war against the French Republic, at the instigation of England and the Porte. The Algerine envoy was arrested yesterday morning, and is now in custody. The seals have been put upon his papers.

NEW-YORK, March 19.

The bill "for the Gradual abolition of slavery," was taken up in the senate of this state on Tuesday last—in committee, Mr. Hatfield in the chair.—A very lengthy and animated debate ensued—in which the principal, under certain modifications, was universally ceded.—The speakers were Mellis, Jones, Addison Van Vechten, Gold, Clinton, Spencer, and Tillotson.—The committee report without coming to a decision.—This bill has passed the assembly—it enacts that all children born of female slaves, after the 4th day of July next, shall be free—males at 28 years of age, and females at 25.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.

On Saturday evening last, a detachment of the cavalry of this city arrived in town from the camp near Seller's on the Bethlehem road, 21 miles from Philadelphia, having in custody the noted Fries and John Eberhart, committed by judge Peters for high treason.

Fries was taken on Friday afternoon, about five miles from the camp by a detachment of cavalry dispatched for the purpose. He was holding a salute at vendue, when the troops approached; and made no attempt to escape until they appeared in sight, when he ran through some fields into a wood, and was taken after a pursuit of near two miles. Eberhart was taken at his own house, by another detachment, which left the camp about sunset the same evening, and after a very long ride, (between 40 and 50 miles) returned to camp before day break, having called at the houses of several of the insurgents, without finding them at home, they having most probably fled at the approach of the troops.

The prisoners were lodged in the jail of this city.

SEE GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARIA.

TO DISTILLERS.

THIS law requires that all owners of stills, (whether intended for use or otherwise) should make entry thereof, in June annually.—As the law will be strictly put in force against those who do not comply, it was thought proper to give this public notice, that IGNORANCE may no longer be plead as an excuse.

JOHN ARTHUR.

Lexington, 2d May, 1799.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

DESERVED from a detachment of the federal troops stationed at this post, on the 31st March, 1799.

DODSON THARP, sergeant in capt. Richard Spark's company, 3d regiment; he is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, fair complexion, fair hair and grey eyes. He is a native of Virginia, but it is supposed he may steer towards Kentucky, in company with

John Newgent,

a private in a fast company, who deserted with Tharp. Newgent is about 30 years of age, near six feet high, dark complexion, brown hair and hazel eyes, by trade a mason.

Whoever apprehends and delivers said deserters to any officer of the United States, shall receive the above reward, or 25 dollars for either, and reasonable expences.

BENJAMIN LOCKWOOD,

Capt. 4th regiment. South West Point, Tennessee, 31st March, 1799.

P. S. The above mentioned Tharp's family lives in Madison county, on or near the head of Muddy creek, in this state, and Newgent's near Paris, in Bourbon county. Any person delivering them, or either of them to me in this place, shall receive the reward offered.

JONATH. TAYLOR,

Capt. 4th U. S. regiment. Lexington, Kentucky, 2d April, 1799.

NOTICE is hereby given, that we will attend the commissioners appointed by the county court of Nelson, on the tenth day of May next at Richard Conner's improvement on Simpson's creek, waters of Salt river, in order to perpetuate the testimony of sundry witnesses concerning the calls in the above Conner's pre-emption, and Charles Polke's pre-emption adjoining the same—and do such other things as may be deemed lawful, to establish said claims.

JAMES ALIN.

Joseph Hobbs.

April 12, 1799.

A YOUNG SINGLE MAN

WHOMO is well acquainted with managing a farm, attending a stock of horses and cattle, and the care of a number of hands, will meet with employ. None need apply who can't come well recommended.

ROBERT BARR.

March 26th, 1799.

JAMES B. JANUARY,

A REMOVED his Store to the house adjoining the sign of the Buffalo, kept by John M'Nair—where he has opened a very handsome affortment of

GOODS,

Suitable to the present and approaching season.

He has also for sale, a quantity of RED-CLOVER SEED, of this year's produce and the growth of Kentucky—a large quantity of SALT, IRON & CASTINGS, Alorted.—But,

L I S T E N!

Those indebted to him, must pay off their respective balances on or before the 1st of February.

December 21, 1798.

FOR SALE,

FORTY THOUSAND acres of land, lying on Licking.

3,350 ditto in Jefferson county, on the waters of Bear Creek.

100 acres of a pre-emption in Shelby county, Fox's run.

400 acres adjoining the pre-emption.

1000 acres of the Ohio, Jefferson county.

4,500 on the Ohio, Mason county.

2000 do. do.

4000 acres on the Beech Fork, Nelson county.

2,323 1/2 acres on Fern creek, Jefferson county.

2000 acres on Rough creek, Hardin county.

4,300 acres in Marion county, on the Ohio.

4,500 acres in Green-river, Lincoln county.

750 acres Cox's creek, Nelson county.

1000 do. near the Kentucky river, Woodford county.

The greater part of the above lands I will sell very low for the next crop of tobacco, wheat, flour, hemp or merchandise.

SAMUEL P. DUVAL.

April 16, 1798.

FOR SALE,

ALL the lands belonging to John Cockey Owings, in this state.—Also his share in the Iron Works—for terms apply to

B. VANPRADELLES, atty.

in fact for John Cockey Owings

THE SUBSCRIBERS

HAVE just received, and now open for sale, a large and elegant affortment of

B O O K S;

Among which are the following, viz:

ROLLIN's ancient history, Russel's modern Europe, Plutarch's Lives, Staunton's embryo, Elegant extracts in verse, Do. do. epistles, Godwin's Political Justice, Enquirer, Gutrie's orations of Cicero, Travels of Arachar, Helvetius on man, Locke, on education, Gentilis, on government, Stewart's philosophy, Moore's geography, Sheridan's dictionary, Entick's do. American revolution, Jefferson's Virginia, Kent's Poole's Islands, Spectator, Grindam, Newdigate's essays, Cook's voyages, Jonson's works, Evelyn, Job booke, Robinson Crusoe, Schreville's Lexicon, Leiden's Greek Testament, Young's Dictionary, Lucian's dialogues, Cl. &ro Delphin, Ovid Delphin, Rudiman's rudiments, Homer's Iliad, Hutchinson's Xenopis, Naso Delphin, Liv. Clark's Cor- der and Endymus, Selecta e Irasius, Whitefield's works, —— sermons, Watt's glory of Christ, Life of Watts and Dodridge, Baxter's Saints' rest, Glad tidings, Flavel's Lutaudry spiritualized, —— Navigation do.

Lowth on Isaiah, Cloud of witnesses, Grace abounding, Pilgrim's progress, Holy war, Davis's sermons, Walker's do. Night thoughts, Edwards on redemption, —— on affections, Campbell on miracles, Do. do. small, Rochester's life, List of Gardner, Fisher's catechism, Blair's lectures abridged, —— sermons,

Bouton's fourfold state, Willing's on the tabernacle, —— on the earth, Dodring's life and progress, Watt's lyric poems, Newton on the properties, Rowle's letters, Harvey's sermons, —— letters, —— meditations, Beauries of Harvey, Newton's letters to his wife,

Common prayer books, Milton's paradise lost, and regained, Watt's psalms & hymns —— hymns, Ousey do, School bibles, Testaments, Webster's and Dilworth's spelling books, American selection, Joseph Andrews, Italian, Butler's anatomy, Ferguson's astronomy, Death of Cain & Abel, Dutch almanacs, Chap books, primers, Ledge books and journals, Blank books of several kinds,

Bell quills and wafers, Together with a number of other useful books,

Navigation do.

As we intend keeping a general affortment of BOOKS by us, those gentlemen and ladies who wish to improve their minds by readings may expect to purchase on lower terms for cash, than have ever been offered for sale in this place before.

HF. TROTTER & SCOTT.

FOR SALE,

Several Small Tracts of very Valuable LAND, and of incalculable Title, (viz.)

MILITARY LANDS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,

360 Acres, comprehending three tracts of 120 acres each, adjoining the northern boundaries of an addition to the town of Clarksville, of the eastern bank of the river Cumberland, with a fine spring of water in each of the said tracts.

46 town lots, and out lots, being part of 36 town lots and out lots in the aforesaid addition to the town of Clarksville.

53 separated out lots of two acres each, being part of 35 out lots, lying on the east side of the aforesaid addition to the town of Clarksville, reserved for the accommodation of the purchasers of the out lots, during the term of 18 months from November 1, 1799.

In THE ILLINOIS GRANT, N. W. TERRITORY.

200 acres, being part of a 500 acre survey No. 125, granted to John Moore, as sergeant of artillery in the Illinois regiment, by a deed of the trustees of laid grant.

LANDS LYING NEAR THE VILLAGE KASKASHEA, In the Illinois district, now county of St. Clair, N. W. Territory, granted by court or commandant for the state of Virginia, in 1783.

1,440 acres, viz. 960 in 8 grants of 120 acres each, 480 in 2 grants of 240 acres joined together on the east side of the river Kalkakias, opposite the village of the same name.

These were bounded on the front by the river Kalkakias.

3,880 ditto, comprehending 10 grants in the year 1784, lying together on the west side of the river Kalkakias, above and near the village of the same name.

260 ditto, bounded on the north by the aforesaid river.

Also one lot in the town of Kaskashia, pleasantly situated near the bank of the river.

For further information apply to

P. D. ROBERT.

Who has for sale 450 lbs. of very good GUN POWDER.

HOUSES & LOTS FOR SALE,

IN MOUNT-STERLING,

ON one of which lots, is a TAN-YARD, through which runs a constant stream of water; together with a good flock of Hides and Sheep. They will be sold low for good property and cash, on a considerable credit.—Said lots will be sold single or together.—For terms apply to the subscriber on the premises.

PETER TROUTMAN.

February 13, 1799.

